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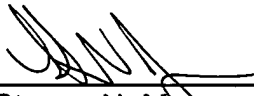
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In re Application of:	:	
Noriyoshi Hiraoka et al.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST
Serial No. 09/735,186	:	FOR RETURN OF
Filed: December 15, 2000	:	SURRENDERED ORIGINAL
For: AGRICULTURAL METHODS	:	PATENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.178
WITH SUPERHEATED STEAM	:	

Applicant's request filed December 29, 2003, under 37 CFR 1.178 for the return of the original Patent No. 5,867,935, which the applicant indicates was surrendered mistakenly in the pending Reissue application no. 09/735,186 is hereby noted. The applicant indicates that Patent No. 5,848,492 is the patent that actually corresponds to the Reissue application above. However, the Office has no record of the 5,867,935 patent being surrendered. There is no artifact folder (where surrendered patents are commonly held in Reissues) for the above noted IFW Reissue case.

Since the Office has nothing to return, the request is **NOT APPROVED**.

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